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Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist?

*Authentic Records Prove Great Emancipator's
Keen Interest in Seances and Spirit Messages*

HISTORIANS FAIL TO MENTION LINCOLN'S CONTACT WITH MEDIUMS

Union Civil War Leaders Share Knowledge of Survival With Their President.

By
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In none of Abraham Lincoln's biographies is it stated that he was a *Spiritualist*, although it was well-known in his time. It could not be concealed if he had wished, for seances were held over a long period at the *White House*, at some of which many people were present, but at others only the President and Mrs. Lincoln.

Lincoln sought the advice of spirit guides—some of whom were great Americans before his time—during the critical phases of the Civil War. Lincoln told his medium, *Nettie Colburn Maynard*, that he was greatly impressed by his seances with her and that he was helped by them.

Lincoln did not try to conceal his interest in his lifetime, though after his death there were many articles in newspapers dealing with the subject—all trying to show that he was not a Spiritualist.

He Understood Value

Now, if he had been a follower of any other religion, there would have been that kind of emphasis in all the obituary notices—he would have been hailed as a "great son of this or that congregation." He was not.

Lincoln had the kind of mind that could understand the value of *Spiritualism*, and he attended seances only because he drew something from them that helped him in one of the crises of human history.

He was a lawyer, he was trained to assess evidence. He knew the value of small points. He had waged a war of ideas for the greater part of his life, and he could not be impressed by spurious argument. His speeches and letters show the full strength of that remarkable mind.

Medium Meets President

He saw far into the future. He could anticipate his enemies' lines of thought and approach. He knew piece by piece how they planned to destroy all that he and his friends and associates were building up, and he knew how to prepare against their attacks.

Is it likely, then, that he would be deceived by a frail woman who had none of the mental powers of his strong adversaries?

Nettie Colburn Maynard, with whom Lincoln sat most frequently, was a trance medium. She, too, was psychic from childhood, and

later, when her trance mediumship developed, she gave lectures throughout the country to large audiences. She died at White Plains, New York, in 1892. Her husband was the postmaster there, and for years tended the medium who had then given up her work because of an illness which kept her in bed until she passed on.

Mrs. Maynard's meeting with the President is a romance in itself. Her brother was in the army. Mrs. Maynard went to see him while she was in lecturing. Military camps were not well organized then, as *Walt Whitman*, the American poet, found when he spent much of his time with the wounded.

Mrs. Maynard had obtained a special leave for her brother, but there was a hitch in the arrangements that caused a delay, and while she was waiting for news of her brother's movements, Mrs. Lincoln heard of her mediumship from people who had been at her seances and listened to her trance addresses in public.

The President's wife sent her carriage for the medium who was so distressed because she could not secure her brother's pass that she did not notice where she was going until she was introduced by *Secretary Foster* to Mrs. Lincoln.

War Leaders Helped

This was the spirit way of operating, for some time before a powerful entity had controlled Mrs. Maynard and urged her companion to seek an interview with the President. This guide said he spoke for a "Congress of Spirits" composed of leading men who still

Trance Medium Wel- comed At the WHITE HOUSE

desired to help in the fulfillment of their country's destiny.

These two young women were afraid to carry out the request. Other mediums had been sent on similar missions, and had been rebuffed. While Mrs. Maynard was still in Washington and waiting to leave with her brother as soon as he could get away, she was again entranced and her friend, Mr. Foster, then in the *War Department*, was urged to tell her to see the President.

Lincoln's Cabinet Interested

The medium was told when she came out of the trance, but she declined, saying that she felt sure she would be misunderstood. Her friends said the spirit who gave that advice appeared to be very determined, and that he had announced he would take her to the President, with or without her consent, in his own way.

At her first meeting with Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Maynard was introduced to *Mr. Newton*, Secretary of the Interior, and the *Rev. John Pierpont*, a minister who had given up his pastorate to work for *Spiritualism*. He was a very close friend of the President.

Physical Medium Sent For

The Hon. D. E. Simes, an American of note in his day, was also at the seance during which Mrs. Lincoln heard such an impressive address that she said: "This young lady must not leave Washington. I feel she must stay here, and Mr. Lincoln must hear what we have heard. It is all-important, and he must hear it."

Mrs. Lincoln pressed the medium to stay, and when told that she depended on the fees she received from her lectures, the President's wife said she could easily be employed in one of the government departments.

Mrs. Lincoln undertook on the



"Mr. Lincoln turned to me, and laying his hand upon my head, uttered these words in a manner that I shall never forget: 'My child, you possess a very singular gift; but that it is of God, I have no doubt. I thank you for coming here tonight. It is more important than perhaps anyone present can understand'."

spot to place her, and said: "You surely will not go until Mr. Lincoln has had a chance to see you." And the meeting which the medium was afraid to seek by herself under spirit advice was brought about in this way.

Five months previously the medium had been asked by one of her guides to meet the President because it was of great importance that the spirit world should contact him before the beginning of the following year. And now Lincoln, one evening in December 1862, met her.

But while they were waiting for him, another medium, Mrs. Miller, was unexpectedly entranced and she began playing on the piano a march to the beat of which the piano rose and fell. Mrs. Miller was a powerful physical medium.

Lincoln Hears Trance

As the heavy end of the grand piano was rising and falling while no one was near it, the President entered the room, and as he did so the piano stopped its beating. Lincoln told his guests that he heard the music begin as he reached the

head of the grand staircase on his way down and that he kept in step to the tune as he came along.

Mrs. Maynard found Lincoln kindly and interested. He asked her about her work, and how they should form the circle. While it was being done, Mrs. Maynard was entranced and for more than an hour remembered nothing.

Lincoln's First Seance

When she returned to consciousness she was told that Lincoln understood all that was said, though Mrs. Maynard's friends understood little until the spirit spoke of the forthcoming *Emancipation Proclamation*. These are the medium's words summarizing what her friends told her of Lincoln's first seance with her:

"He was charged with the utmost solemnity and force of manner not to abate the terms of its issue, and not to delay its enforcement as a law beyond the opening of the year."

"He was assured it was to be the crowning event of his administration and his life; and that while he was being counselled by strong parties to defer the enforcement of it, hoping to supplant it by other measures and to delay action, he must in no wise heed such counsel, but stand firm to his conviction and fearlessly perform the work and fulfill the mission for which he had been raised up by an overruling Providence."

Lincoln Deeply Impressed

"Those present declared that they lost sight of the timid girl in the majesty of the utterance, the strength and force of the language and the importance of that which was conveyed, and seemed to realize that some strong masculine spirit force was giving speech to almost divine commands."

"I shall never forget the scene around me when I regained consciousness. I was standing in front

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Source of Data for This Lincoln Article

Facts and details relative to Lincoln's interest in Spiritualist mediums and seances, has been published by psychic journals on numerous occasions BUT, for some "unaccountable" reason, historical and biographical accounts of Lincoln, make no mention of this interest.

Not until 1891, did the book "WAS ABRAHAM LINCOLN A SPIRITUALIST?" (*) by *Nettie Colburn Maynard*, appear in print. A few thousand copies were readily sold but there were no further editions. In 1917, the above book was reprinted. It contains numerous illustrations, testimonials and pen sketches. A few copies of this edition are available.

Much of the data, in fact a complete review of the above mentioned book is included in Paul Miller's, "CAVALCADE OF SPIRIT" (**). This new book contains a chapter "Lincoln The Spiritualist." This chapter is printed in its entirety beginning on this page.

Other chapters in the book "CAVALCADE OF SPIRIT" are: "The Shadow Lady" (Madame d'Esperance); "Oratory From Beyond" (Cora L. V. Richmond); "The Moses of Spiritualism" (Stainton Moses); "He Walked With Kings" (Daniel Douglas Home); "Confucius Solves a Mystery" (Dr. Neville Whymant, New York City); "The Gospel Comes to Life" (Geraldine Cummins); "Gift From Queen Victoria" (Etta Wriedt); "He Drives Out 'Devils'" (Dr. Carl Wickland); "Eighth Wonder of the World" (Margary Crandon); "The Camera Does Not Lie" (John Myers' Spirit Photography) and many other interesting chapters.

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The Mediumship of

Rev. Dorothy Maxwell

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It is a very tender feeling that warms the heart of an uncle with the arrival of his first niece; a thing quite apart from being a parent or a grandparent. Then let 15 months pass before a personal acquaintance is possible, it is a long and seemingly endless time.

This was the situation as I approached the introduction to the young lady, entirely unprepared for the shock of my life. She was a nice looking little girl, very well mannered for 15 months, but fate had not been very kind. There was no bend in the little tot; back, arms, legs, quite rigid and with no attempt on her part to move. This was the long anticipated introduction of the uncle and the niece.

The shock passed very quickly, however, for a ray of hope, an impression of the actual condition and the possibility of correction became an idea. As I sat looking into the nice little face, there seemed to be standing beside me, an old friend, a chiropractor by earthly standards, who succeeded in transferring his convincing diagnosis through to me, an interested spectator in things psychical though hardly a medium.

I Seek the Truth

The idea was firmly implanted and an appointment for a seance with Dorothy Maxwell, Rochester, New York, a few evenings later was anticipated with a new enthusiasm. Here was the possibility of a direct communication with the Spirit Forces to get at the truth of the situation.

My impression of the baby's condition did not agree with that of an eminent child specialist who had proclaimed it due to a brain injury of a permanent nature. I would not believe it, even though

he was a medical authority and I a mere upstart for entertaining such convictions from just a fleeting impression.

"Star-Light" Answers

Our seance with Dorothy Maxwell was quite successful. The circle, composed of a few good friends, had a fine atmosphere. It was a great privilege to be in direct contact with one's Spirit Friends after a long absence.

The joys of the evening were so complete that it wasn't until Doro-

"I AM CONVINCED"



Psychic Observer
SGT. JOSEPH WHEELER

thy Maxwell's little Guide, "Starlight" suggested that I had a question of great importance, just before the meeting closed, I came back to the reality of the little niece.

Then, questions were asked. What was the condition? What caused it? What could be done towards its correction? Could she find the answers in her immediate band.

... Then "Les" Speaks

It might have been too much to ask of an ordinary little girl at that, but no one ever accused "Starlight" of being ordinary for she is a very resourceful little lady. After a few seconds delay, she returned — not with mere answers, not "Starlight". Instead, she had a gentleman in tow.

The gentleman was "Les," the chiropractor and a most welcome addition to any seance. "Les" brought a warm and friendly greeting to everyone and then got right down to cases, giving us facts and figures.

There was no foundation for the specialist's findings, he said, not a thing in the world wrong with the baby's head. The delivery had been quite difficult and as a result, a vertebra was misplaced causing a pressure in a nervous center.

A course of osteopathic or chiropractic treatments, begun as quickly as possible and religiously adhered to, could restore the little tot to a normal, active child.

Treatments Continue

There was no time to be lost, however, already, the misplacement had been going on for 15 months and I was to "sell the baby's mother" on the plan as I'd never sold anything before.

"Les" pledged his unlimited support and guidance if we could only get the child to the osteopath or chiropractor, he could manage to direct the operator in his treatments and deemed it a privilege to "see the case through" to its ultimate conclusion.

We were thankful for this help, joyous with the new hope it offered and so very grateful to "Starlight" and her "Medie," Dorothy Maxwell for making it all possible. It was a most success-

ful reunion with the Spirit World after two long years away from the seance room.

Since this awakening to the real difficulty in the little girl, 11 months have passed. Time for many treatments and more seances, both of which have been realized. It took little selling to get the treatments under way and the third one started the results that are still continuing.

Healed By Spirit Power

The rigidity lessened and the baby was able to relax for the first time, this was encouraging. The osteopath was surprised with the case, it interested him more than usual and then a "strange" thing happened!

HIS TREATMENTS WERE PROCEEDING IN A DIFFERENT MANNER FROM ANYTHING HIS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HAD TAUGHT HIM. Incidentally, he is continuously amazed anew, with himself and with the results, and "Les" continues to direct unbeknown to the osteopath.

After eleven months of treatment, the progress has been from the relaxation produced in the third visit until today when the baby is trying some steps on her own, in the play-pen.

This period also included all of the things a baby starts learning, usually, from her arrival into this material world, discovering her hands, her feet, how to put a finger in her mouth, to kick her legs, to hold her head erect and to make gurgles.

Mother Truly Happy

Can't you imagine her first gurgle being as exciting an event in this child's development as the first spoken word usually is? The physical development became very evident, teeth were cut very rapidly after the first few treatments, the head has filled out and the eyes show growing intelligence. Such has been the progress with the mother and baby both happy with it. They have been ever on the alert for the opportunities of sending reports on the case to me. Each of the several times I have been present in the seance room, of course they were direct, and during the absences, miles away from New York State, most welcome messages come through letters from friends in the Maxwell classes.

"Les" has become a permanent force in Dorothy Maxwell's hand, though she had little to say about it for "Starlight" adopted him as her "Uncle Les."

An unusual team. "Starlight" is so very proud of her accomplishment and her new "Uncle Les," that she tells the story to each new audience.

May this story give heart to many sufferers. May others place their physical short comings in their capable hands. THIS IS MY EARNEST PRAYER.

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Warning Averts Train-Wreck

By G. C. PORTER

Spiritualists can, perhaps, explain Tom Morley's strange escape from death. But one thing is certain—no known rule of logic or human knowledge can produce a solution.

Yet there is no question as to the truth of this story. Some old-timers of the frontier, for whom adventure was a stride in the movement of the ordinary day, will see little surprising in the affair.

Even this Old-Timer has known of similar experiences which defy mortal knowledge or reason. The pioneers are not baffled by Tom's yarn because they have experienced or known many such happenings.

Scoff as one may at the dreams this column has recorded, the fact remains that in the early days there were too many cases that could not be answered by ordinary mental analysis. So when Tom told me he had had a dream in which he had seen himself killed and that, in consequence of that dream, had been able to save his own life, the Old-Timer was not surprised. Mysticism—yes—or the reader may interpret it as he wishes.

I Quote Correctly

Pioneers will recall experiences which suggest a connection between life beyond the grave and this sphere.

It was the summer of '79. From the south the first railway was approaching Winnipeg or rather St. Boniface. Contracts called for entrance here before the end of the year.

Feverishly activity was in the atmosphere. From the border the shaky track was laid 30 miles north. It had been a wet spring and the right of way held the "ties" precariously. But they would bear work trains when speed was under 20 miles an hour.

Tom Morley was a fireman of

19, Selkirk-bred and sturdy — it took brawn to keep those old wood-burners moving.

Tom was part of that frenzied action—a very humble part but as he told me, "I would not have traded my 45 a month position for that of the president."

Ten years later he was an engineer "pulling" a passenger train on the main line of the old Northern Pacific. At 88 he is back in Winnipeg visiting his relations. I had heard of his dream and mentioned it when he called on me. I quote the very words in which he so vividly describes it.

His Own Spirit Seen

"If I live to be 100 I can't forget," he began. "Our crew would be called at 6 A. M., and was ready to take out the train at seven. The messenger's knock woke me in a bath of cold perspiration from a nightmare.

"In a dream I had taken my usual position to the left of the engineer. Slowly we pulled out with the workmen climbing aboard as we wheeled northward a few miles north of where Dominion City now stands. Turning around a lake where the road curved sharply I felt the engine sway and then drop to the left.

"I was caught on a glass splinter which penetrated my throat. I felt the pain and then I saw my shadow or spirit, or astral body rise and, in the spume of hot steam, glance at my prostrate body and evaporate.

"I realized that I was dead and only the messenger's knock convinced me that it was a dream. I was so shaken that I went sick right there and told him to get the round house hostler.

Explanation Not Difficult

"After he had gone I dressed and went out and warned the engineer to look out for that curve, without telling of my dream.

"Fearful of being laughed at I said nothing as to why I would not make that run. But I was restless and hung around the operator's shack — waiting for I knew not what. My watch showed the train was at the curve and when the operator got no word I was tremendously relieved. I gave him a cigar, so great was my relief. Then the instrument began to tick. The operator glanced up and remarked grimly: 'She's in the ditch and wants the auxiliary—also a doctor.'

"I was sick with horror. Going up with the relief my worst fears were confirmed.

"Charley George, the extra man had been pinned under the engine, and a splinter of glass had pierced his throat just as one had killed me in my dream.

"How do I explain it?" remarked the veteran sadly. "I don't, and I don't think there is an explanation.

"But I repeat," he concluded, "there must be a connection between our life here and in the other world beyond the grave."

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Catherine Larney's Mediumship

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Nowhere is unity so important as in the realm of religion. With the more than two hundred and fifty creeds of the Christian faith alone and with the numerous religions in the world, it would seem that isolationism in Religion can never be surmounted.

Last August, I made my fourth visit to *Camp Chesterfield* in Indiana in three years. Much evidence has come through to me in materialization, direct-voice, clairvoyance and other phases of mediumship. Many outstanding aspects of phenomena have been granted me. Materialization, possibly one of the rarest phases of phenomena, holds my greatest interest. Years before, the very thought of such close association with spirits, would have struck terror in my heart.

The Scientific Center

I have been exceedingly fortunate in the manner in which the truth of Spiritualism was revealed to me. It came by gentle degrees with much force of conviction. I am fortunate, too, that I have the guidance of a fine medium, *Catherine Larney* of the Scientific Center of Chicago, who is a splendid teacher as well. At my first seance, I completely lost all sense of reversion.

I have been at seances where mediums who head churches and even conduct classes, have swung back in horror at the approach of their own at a demonstration of materialization. Not alone have they turned away from their teachers and guides, but they have also shrank from those of their immediate family and implored the spirits to please NOT touch them.

Such fear cannot induce proper receptivity. It can only shut out worth-while messages and eliminate possibility of growth.

Important Trivialities

I am concerned also with such persons who attend seances and who are so critical that they consume the precious time that their own have for communication with such nonsense as, "Why you have no wrinkles" or "You look so young" or "You are shorter or taller" as the case may be.

Such trivialities are important to them for identification. If they did not consume their precious moments in fretful criticism based

on unbelief, they might receive, in other ways, astounding and unmistakable proof of survival.

For those who open their hearts and minds and accept, it seems that for them, the spirit people aim to devise greater and more enduring proof of reunion.

At *Franchion Harwood's* seances as well as at *Lulu Taber's*, unusual demonstrations have been my good fortune.

One time, my husband appeared

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REV. FANCHION DENNIS HARWOOD, noted physical medium, who resides the year round at *The Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana* . . . conducting semi-private materialization seances during the summer months—July and August.

in dinner clothes with stiff shirt and bow tie neatly tied. Now the group was not aware that it was customary for him to be similarly attired many times a week in the winter season. Before he dematerialized outside the curtain, much that was markedly evidential and especially applicable transpired that held special meaning for me. I waited for my message instead of consuming his time and effort with inconsequential, trivial matters or in seeking advice of a material character.

After all, the important thing they seek to convey to us is THAT THEY LIVE. I keep the conversation up so as to establish power but before seances, I send out the hope for a message. I do not urge questions upon them for specific

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answers nor do I plead for assistance and help from their side of life. I KNOW it will be forthcoming.

Instead, I prefer guidance and direction as if I were discussing the matter with one on the earth plane. I am glad my messages are not for specific direction. What kind of exercise would I have for the development of my own will and judgment if I constantly sought counsel for my decisions.

The Catholic Sister

At Mrs. Taber's, another type of manifestation took place. At her sittings, the spirits nearly always appear in white, both for men and women. My father-in-law appeared in a large white robe. As an orthodox *Rabbi*, he frequently wore such a garment. Several times, he placed his hand on my head and offered a Hebrew prayer. Once, some one asked if it were a Jewish prayer and *Starbright*, Mrs. Taber's guide corrected and said, "The prayer is in Hebrew" which it was.

One of the outstanding events at one of the seances, involved a Catholic sister. One night, she came to me, bearing a rosary for identification. I bid her welcome and thanked her for coming. My interest in the study of comparative religion, I thought, had attracted her to me. I might have asked her curiously and skeptically, "Do you come to me?"

A Rabbi Speaks

On my next visit to Mrs. Taber's my father-in-law appeared and announced himself as "Rabbi" which title he bore and which literally means "teacher". With him arm in arm, appeared the Catholic sister wearing the same rosary as before. They said they wished to come together.

My father-in-law spoke a Hebrew prayer, the most fundamental of all the prayers, "Adenoi, Alohanu, Adenoi, Achod," meaning "The Eternal is our God; The Eternal is One."

It bespoke *Unity, Tolerance, Understanding, Brotherhood, Goodwill*, all that men on earth should live by and with. How rashly we mortals destroy values for living on this plane through *greed, intolerance, bigotry and ignorance*.

A Stirring Experience

What expanded and exalted living would be ours on this plane, if only man would recognize that his short span of life here is preparatory to and part of continuous life. We are here as in a spiritual school for self-development. Deep gratitude and a deeper call to service, is my earnest desire in fulfillment of a message that reached us in the seance room, and that was obvious in its significance and meaning. It was a stirring experience.

At Mrs. Harwood's too, there have been many highlights and unusual demonstrations with special significance if we make the proper interpretation. Several times, two spirits have danced together, man and woman.

Once, my husband danced with the spirit daughter, *Casa-Rose*, of the medium, *Catherine Larney* whose church, I am a member of.

At Ease in Seance

Another time, the son of a friend who was present danced also. The dances were different, one a fox-trot, the other a waltz. My husband wore tuxedo and the neat, black tie and white stiff shirt contrasted vividly with his black suit. The son of my friend wore a special outfit associated with the "prep" school he attended in the east.

I am at ease with my spirit people. I greet them and welcome them as graciously and lovingly as I would, were they to enter my home when on earth. I would not

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REV. LULA TABER, formerly from St. Louis, Mo. and Columbus, Ohio, now resides at *Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana*, where she conducts semi-private materialization seances during the summer months—July and August.

Occasionally, Rev. Taber accepts private appointments to demonstrate her phases of physical mediumship throughout the east and middle-west.

have been rude and turned away a Catholic sister had she come to my door. It was with this approach that I greeted and accepted her on her first manifestation.

As a cosmopolite, I have visited foreign countries. Many strangers and so-called foreigners have visited at my home. Can I not be tolerant of others' beliefs? The road of truth leads to one direction and all religions seek it. Only when we become superstitious, dogmatic and intolerant, do we err.

The Golden Rule is repeated in every religion. Why not seek similarities in our faiths in our search for universal truth? GOD BY WHATEVER NAME IS THE UNKNOWNABLE, INTANGIBLE, INFINITE INTELLIGENCE FOR US ALL. IN GOD, WE FIND OUR UNITY. IN SERVICE, WE GLORIFY OUR GOD.

THE HIGHER ASPECTS OF SPIRITUALISM

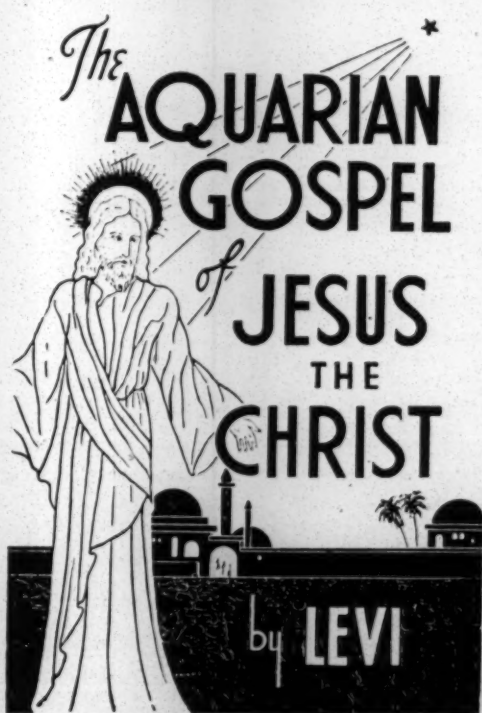
No Real Peace Until the Universe Becomes One

By ERNEST W. OATEN

When there is so much tragedy and heartbreak in the world, and people are looking for some rope to which to cling, Spiritualism can give them what they need.

There is in the world today a surge towards unity, co-operation and mutual service. Barriers are crumbling between people, between races, between the Church, and between the sexes. What contribution can we make towards this tendency?

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but rather the handmaid of religion. The basic principles for which we stand are consecrated in the Christian Church, and in that Church many find signs of a rebirth.

Spiritualism should carry its message into the Churches, where that rebirth must eventually happen. We should avoid hostility to the Christian doctrines; our faith should be a torch to light up the obscure corners of Christian doctrine. We know the great truths of survival and communication and we want to win over the Churches to these truths.

* * *

I have never worked for Spiritualists, but for fifty years I have given my life to the service of the spirit people. All I want is their approval. Sometime I shall be summoned to meet them, and I hope to be welcomed in the knowledge that I have done my job here. That is all I want.

Wrong Valuations

I prefer to talk about the "Higher Aspects of Spiritualism," but the term "higher" involves a difficult standard of evaluation. In my view there is nothing that is common or unclear.

God is the God of the atom equally with the soul, and the physical is a part of the cosmos. The existence of the physical world is evidence of its importance. Get out of your minds the idea that God rules in Heaven and we have to find our way to Him; He is immanent and inescapable.

One of our troubles is that we have been dependent upon wrong valuations in the past. While religion has, quite rightly, extolled the greatness of God, it has endeavored to heighten that greatness by comparison, and has insisted to an inordinate degree upon depreciating man as a wicked sinner, incapable of any righteousness by his own effort, but I believe that there is more goodness in the human heart than the theologian has allowed.

Archbishop of Canterbury

Logically, such depreciation defeats itself for, as far as we know, man is God's most evolved creation, and by depreciating him we reflect upon his Maker.

Religion, in my view, has started at the wrong end. It has endeavored to interpret God, and even to define the infinite—or, as the Yankee said, "To define the indefinable and unscrew the inscrutable."

The Archbishop of Canterbury has said that immortality depends upon our ideas of God. But our ideas may be all wrong, as they were about the solar system.

An ant may be a very intelligent creature, but I venture to suggest that its conception of man must be far from complete.

I think that when we are speculating about the higher values of the spiritual world, we should be careful to keep our feet on the ground and not be carried away by poetic imagery. The body has its claims, which we ignore only at our peril.

Before I can enjoy the higher contacts with the spiritual world, I must keep my body fit by enjoying three meals a day, breathing good air, and so on. What we need is a sound mind working through a healthy body.

The Wrong End

I said that religion started at the wrong end, and I say now that I think Spiritualism has started at the right end. Religion begins by trying to define God, the unknowable; *Spiritualism begins by defining man, the knowable*.

Man is a far greater being than we imagine; he has infinite

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Lincoln, the Spiritualist

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Hon. Daniel E. Somes Listens To Trance Address Delivered Through Maynard.

of Mr. Lincoln, and he was sitting back in his chair, with his arms folded upon his breast, looking intently at me. I stepped back, naturally confused at the situation—not remembering at once where I was; and glancing around the group, where perfect silence reigned, it took me a moment to remember my whereabouts.

"A gentleman then said in a low tone: 'Mr. President, did you notice anything peculiar in the method of address?' Mr. Lincoln raised himself, as if shaking off his spell. He glanced quickly at the full-length portrait of Daniel Webster that hung above the piano, and replied: 'Yes, and it is very singular, very,' with a marked emphasis.

President Under Pressure

Mr. Somes asked: 'Mr. President, would it be improper for me to inquire whether there has been any pressure brought to bear upon you to defer the enforcement of the Proclamation?' To which the President replied: 'Under these circumstances that question is perfectly proper, as we are all friends. It is taking all my nerve and strength to withstand such pressure.'

"At this point the gentlemen drew around him, and spoke together in low tones, Mr. Lincoln saying least of all. At last he turned to me, and laying his hand upon my head, uttered these words in a manner that I shall never forget: 'My child, you possess a very singular gift; but that it is of God I have no doubt. I thank you for coming here tonight. It is more important than any one present can understand.'

Medium Interviews Lincoln

"Such was my first interview with Abraham Lincoln, and the memory of it is as clear and vivid as the evening on which it occurred."

Mrs. Lincoln kept her word, and the medium was found a minor post along with other women, sewing seed bags at a dollar a day. She held seances in the evenings, and many prominent people attended them.

She was befriended by Mrs. Anna M. Cosby, daughter of Robert Mills, a famous architect, and wife of a member of the consular service.

One morning, early in February 1863, Mrs. Lincoln wrote saying she would bring some friends to a seance that evening and wished to sit with Mrs. Maynard and her friend, Mrs. Miller.

How Did Medium Know?

During the day one of the controls, whom the medium called a messenger, entranced her and said that the "Long Brave," her name for Lincoln, was coming to the sitting. Her host, Mr. Laurie, doubted it, for he thought the President would not be so indiscreet as to

leave the White House for a seance at Georgetown.

But he came, and when he was welcomed at the door, Laurie said he was expected. Lincoln replied, as he stood at the door, a tall dark figure wrapped in his cloak: "Expected? Why, it is only five minutes since I knew I was coming."

Then it was said that he was coming down from a cabinet meeting when Mrs. Lincoln and her friends were entering their carriage. When they told him they were going to a circle in Georgetown, he said: "Hold on a moment, I will go with you."

Hooker In Command

Mrs. Lincoln declared it was the surprise of her life when he said that. Yet the President seemed pleased when the host told him how they knew. It seemed to prepare his mind for what followed.

Mrs. Maynard gives this picture of the war-weary President as he listened to Mrs. Miller, a Scots-



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woman, singing old Scottish airs before the seance: "I can see him now, as he sat in the old high-backed rocking chair, one leg thrown over the arm, leaning back in utter weariness, with his eyes closed."

Then Lincoln asked the medium if she knew whether she had anything to say to him. "If I have not there may be others who have," she answered, and then was controlled by a spirit calling himself Dr. Bamford. He was one of Lincoln's spirit favorites. His plain speech, his dialect, and his direct method of coming to the point pleased the President. Later, the sitters told the medium that this was the gist of what Bamford had said:

"A very precarious state of affairs existed at the front where General Hooker had just taken command. The army was totally demoralized; regiments stacking arms, refusing to obey orders or to do duty; threatening a general retreat; declaring their purpose to return to Washington. A vivid picture was drawn of the state of affairs, greatly to the surprise of all present, save the chief, to whom the words were addressed."

Lincoln—"The Father"

When the guide had given his gloomy picture of the position, the President said: "You seem to understand the situation. Can you point out the remedy?"

Dr. Bamford replied: "Yes, if you have the courage to use it."

Lincoln smiled and said: "Try me."

Then the plain-spoken doctor said: "It is one of the simplest, and being so simple it may not appeal to you as being sufficient to cope with what threatens to prove a serious difficulty. The remedy lies with yourself. Go in person to the front, taking with you your wife and children, leaving behind

you your official dignity and all manner of display. Resist the importunities of officials to accompany you, and take only such attendants as may be absolutely necessary."

"Avoid the highgrade officers, and seek the tents of the private soldiers. Inquire into their grievances, show yourself to be what you are, 'the Father of your People.' Make them feel that you are interested in their sufferings, and that you are not unmindful of the many trials which beset them in their march through the dismal swamps, whereby both their courage and their numbers have been depleted."

Lincoln quietly replied: "If that will do any good, it is easily done."

"It Shall Be Done"

Just as quickly Bamford answered: "It will do all that is required. It will unite the soldiers as one man. It will unite them to you in bands of steel. And now, if you would prevent a serious, if not fatal, disaster to your cause, let the news be promulgated at once, and disseminated through the Army of the Potomac."

"Have it scattered broadcast that you are on the eve of visiting the front; that you are not talking of it, but that it is settled and that you are going, and are now getting into readiness. This will stop insubordination and hold the soldiers in check, being something to divert their minds, and they will wait to see what your coming portends."

"It shall be done," said Lincoln. Then a long talk followed on the state of the country and the state of the war, during which the doctor told Lincoln that he would be re-nominated and re-elected to the presidency. At this Lincoln smiled sadly, and said: "It is hardly an honor to be coveted, save one could find it his duty to accept it."

That Inner Urge

When the seance was ended, Laurie asked the President if affairs were as serious as Dr. Bamford stated, and Lincoln said, pointing to an officer who had come with him: "They can hardly be exaggerated, but I ask it as a favor of all present that they do not speak of these things. The major here has just brought despatches from the front depicting the state of affairs pretty much as our friend has shown it, and we were just having a cabinet meeting regarding the matter when something, I know not what, induced me to leave the room and come downstairs, when I found Mrs. Lincoln in the act of coming here. I felt it might be of service for me to come. I did not know wherefore."

He paused for a moment or two, sunk deep in thought, and continued almost as though he was alone, thinking aloud: "Matters are pretty serious down there, and perhaps the simplest remedy is the best. I have often noticed in life that the little things have sometimes greater weight than larger ones."

Leviton in the White House

It was at this seance that Lincoln saw Mrs. Miller give a demonstration of her powers as a physical medium. As she played the grand piano it kept time to her playing. Then her father, Mr. Laurie, asked her to stand at arm's length from the piano and touch it with her hand to show that she was the medium and not the person or force responsible for causing the piano to move.

Lincoln then placed his hand underneath the piano, and asked Mrs. Miller to put her other hand over his to show that neither strength nor pressure was used. While they were standing so, the

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piano rose and fell to Mrs. Miller's order.

Mr. Lincoln changed to another side, and the result was the same. The President, smiling, said: "I think we can hold down that instrument," and then climbed on the piano with his legs dangling down.

Mr. Laurie, Mr. Somes, Mr. S. P. Kase, and the unarmed major all followed him, but the piano wriggled until they had to get off. Lincoln was satisfied that it was due to spirit power.

Somes said: "When I have related to my acquaintances that which I have experienced tonight, they will say, with a knowing look: 'You were psychologized, and as a matter of fact, versus fancy, you did not see what in reality you did see.'"

Memorable Seance

Lincoln replied: "You should bring such a person here, and when the piano seems to rise, have him slip his foot under the leg and be convinced, doubtless by the weight of evidence resting upon his understanding."

When the laughter at this typically dry Lincoln sally had died down, the President sank back into his arm-chair, the old tired look returning to his face. That was for him, the memorable seance of February 5, 1863.

And for the medium it was no less memorable, for apart from the kindly way in which Lincoln regarded her, she heard him say, in answer to Mr. Somes, he was wholly satisfied that the communications he received through Mrs. Maynard were in every way super-

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ior to what could have been given through her as a physical being.

He added: "She certainly could have had no knowledge of the facts communicated to me, nor of what was transpiring in my cabinet meeting prior to my joining this circle nor of affairs at the front, nor regarding transpiring events which are known to me only, and which I have not imparted to any one, and which have not been made public."

The medium was frequently warned by Somes not to give any interviews about her seances with the President. Somes, a wise man of his day, said that Lincoln would have been severely criticized for going to seances. It is likely that troubles, the causes of which were well-known to those at the top, would have been ascribed to his interest in Spiritualism.

Dr. Bamford's Advice

Mrs. Lincoln freely said that she was a Spiritualist. What the President himself thought of spirit guidance is shown by the fact that next day one of the newspapers carried the headline: "The President Is About To Visit the Armies of the Potomac."

The newspaper told which gunboat was being prepared for the trip, and that, accompanied by his family, he would go to Fortress Monroe, showing how he was carrying out Dr. Bamford's advice to the letter.

Thousands of copies of the newspaper were distributed among the troops in the Army of the Potomac as quickly as they could be carried down there. Lincoln had lost no time in trying to carry out the advice, but when the medium and her friend visited the White House during the preparations for the departure, Mrs. Lincoln described how scores of members of both Houses of Congress, and even some of his cabinet, were clamoring to go with the President.

Lincoln Visits Troops

During the visit, Lincoln was again warned by Mrs. Maynard's controls that their advice should be carried out to the letter. They said that "disunionists" were busy spreading stories among the troops on the Potomac that the government were living on the fat of the land in Washington while they were rotting in the swamps.

The spirit advice on this occasion was designed to impress on Mrs. Lincoln the importance of carrying out their request as strictly as possible. It was essential that the man and not the President should be seen by the troops. They should see a simple man whose personal influence should be felt.

The visit was a great success. The soldiers would have carried him through their camps if he had allowed it. Everywhere he went they gathered round him, forgetting their grievances, and he left behind him a united, loyal and devoted army.

Battle of Chancellorsville

When the medium and a friend called at the White House for flowers to take to her father and another brother who were in a military hospital, Mrs. Lincoln's personal maid came out to meet them and begged them to come and see Mrs. Lincoln who was almost distraught.

When they saw her in her room she was pacing about, and hardly stopped to tell them that dreadful things were happening at the front. The battle of Chancellorsville was then being fought, but the public knew nothing of it. Mrs. Lincoln was always of a mercurial temperament, and let herself go, talking of many of the Union generals being killed and of the army being in full retreat.

Mrs. Maynard sat down and was immediately controlled by one of (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

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Lincoln, the Spiritualist

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The Spirit of "Wisdom" Spoke to Lincoln for Twenty Minutes.

her younger guides who assured Mrs. Lincoln that her fears were unfounded. The battle was then, she said, still being fought. The Union forces were holding. None of the generals of whom she spoke had been killed or even wounded.

The spirit urged her to be more cheerful, and that she would in any event, have better news by nightfall.

When the medium returned to consciousness, Mrs. Lincoln talked with her earnestly and asked her if she trusted absolutely what was said through her. Mrs. Maynard said she did, and that seemed to restore Mrs. Lincoln's spirits.

Predictions Prove True

Shortly afterwards the President entered. He was bowed with care. He shook hands listlessly with the visitors, asked kindly how they were, and sat down at a small table to take a cup of tea and a few biscuits which made up his usually frugal lunch. When Mrs. Lincoln started to tell him what had happened, the President was keenly interested, and Mrs. Maynard's friend asked him if he would like to hear it for himself. He said he would if it did not tire the medium.

Again she was entranced, this time by a spirit whom they called "Wisdom," and he spoke for 20 minutes to Lincoln, going over the progress of the battle then being waged, and forecasting what news would reach him by nightfall. The spirit was of opinion that the next day would show that the battle was no disaster. It was not a decisive engagement, but the net result would be to the advantage of the Union forces.

The President was brighter at the end of the seance, the medium's friend reporting to her that never had a guide been more impressive. It happened that the need was seen and met.

Mediums and Nurses

The next day, when the two women again called at the White House for the flowers which they could not deliver because of giving the Lincolns two seances, they were told by the personal maid that Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln were cheerful, and that the news that had come in overnight fulfilled the spirit forecast.

The next visit to the hospital was after the wounded had come in from Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg, battles in which the Southern armies were beaten without the Union forces gaining any ground. So the medium and her friend who went as visitors to the hospital remained as nurses.

Message brings Results

It has nothing to do with his psychic experiences, but this incident is worth recording as showing the simplicity of the great American. Mrs. Maynard and her friend were riding in a tramcar up Pennsylvania Avenue towards Georgetown one dull rainy day, and as they turned the corner by the Treasury building she saw the tall figure of the President hurrying towards the White House.

He was wearing an old-fashioned dress coat, with tight sleeves, and the right elbow so worn that his white shirt sleeve showed through. He wore an old beaver hat, nearly as shabby as his coat, but he hurried along so absorbed that he did not see a

cripple soldier until he was almost on him.

The President pulled himself up and talked with the soldier. It was easy to see that the President was asking how he was wounded, and then put his hand into his pocket as though to give him something. There were many soldiers in the tramcar, and one of them called out: "Three cheers for Father Abraham."

Lincoln was surprised at the outburst of cheering, then like a schoolboy caught idling, he thrust what he had in his hand into the soldier's hand, raised his battered hat and hurried into the grounds of the White House, the cheers following him.

Mrs. Maynard took no sides in the arguments that followed Lincoln's death, whether he was or was not a Spiritualist. She was content to record what she knew and what her closest friends told her of her seances with him, and with what he told her himself.

But she said: "I do know that he held communication with numerous mediums both at the White House and at other places, and among his mediumistic friends were Charles Foster, Charles Colchester, Mrs. Lucy A. Hamilton and Charles Redmond, who warned Lincoln of the danger that faced him before he made that famous trip between Philadelphia and Washington, on which occasion he donned the Scotch cap and cape; and which warning saved him from assassination."

"Knife Not Made"

"Not only that, but many mediums warned him of the later and fatal attack, but he turned them all aside with the phrase, 'The knife is not made or the bullet run that will get me.' He reckoned without the fanatics."

During her next visit to Washington, Mrs. Maynard was the guest of Somes, and while there was invited by President Lincoln one evening to come to the White House. In the note of invitation, Mrs. Lincoln said she wanted to see whether one of the controls could discover the identity of a friend.

At the White House, the medium saw in the room a soldierly figure who had covered himself in his cloak to hide any mark of rank. Mrs. Lincoln did not in-

troduce him by name, but apologized for that, saying she would present him afterwards. Somes recognized him immediately, but gave no indication of his identity.

After Lincoln had welcomed them in his cordial manner, which never failed no matter how tired he was or what crisis he was facing, he said: "I am very busy and must forego the pleasure of conversation and ask our little friend here to see what can be given us tonight as briefly as may be, for my cabinet is awaiting my return."

Then the company was quiet while the medium was entranced. Only when the medium reached her host's home was she told what had happened. The positive personality who controlled her directed all his attention, at first to Lincoln, and talked much of the condition of the freedmen around the capital. He deplored their condition, said they were without shelter and were herded together in the open, like cattle. They had little food or clothing.

Emancipation Proclamation

In sum, their condition was a reproach to the country because it threw in the faces of an unprotected army of men and women all the temptations that come from lack of restraint that is found in useful employment. Thousands of these people had been set free both by the President's Proclamation of Emancipation and by the progress of the war.

The spirit guide said that he and those who were with him fully realized the President's heavy responsibilities, but this question of the freedmen demanded instant attention. Lincoln was advised that the truth of what was being said could be ascertained by the appointment of a special committee which would investigate and report to him directly, and not to anyone else.

Child Guide Speaks!

They advised him that it was essential that he should receive the facts first-hand. They also advised him to choose men who had no other offices so that they could give all their time to it, and then the President would see that it was necessary to set up a bureau to regulate all matters to the freedmen.

Then the military personage was addressed next by the guide who referred to him as "General," saying that his cloak could not conceal from them the fact that he had made a great sacrifice for his country. The medium's hand was extended to him in greeting and congratulation, which the "General" courteously returned, and after a few words of encouragement to the President the guide gave way to a youthful entity of whom Mrs. Lincoln was very fond.

While this child was talking in her bright way the President ex-

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cused himself and returned to the cabinet meeting which he had left to seek spirit guidance.

Evidence Received

What the ministers thought we will never know on this earth, but that the spirit advice was taken is proved by the fact that later a special committee was set up by the President to investigate the condition of the freedmen. Mrs. Maynard had told her father about the sitting at the White House, and before she returned to Washington for the winter, he brought her a copy of a newspaper with the official announcement.

But to return to the seance which went on after Lincoln left. The little Indian girl addressed the general as "Crooked Knife," thereby giving Mrs. Lincoln the evidence for which she had asked in her note. That was the name by which the Indian girl had spoken of him at other seances when she described to the President and his wife the course of battles of which they received news, sometimes days later.

Others Are Guided

The spirit guide also talked of the conduct of generals and other officers, and she always referred to one as "Crooked Knife." The Lincolns knew whom she meant, and now here he was at the White House, trying to disguise himself with his long cloak. When Mrs. Maynard came out of trance she saw the soldier gazing at her intently. Then they were all introduced to him.

He was Major-General Daniel E. Sickles. When he took off his cloak they saw his rank—and his familiar crutch.

It must be recorded that one of the results of the spirit advice given to Lincoln on the occasion was the formation of the Freedmen's Bureau, of which the "New York Herald" said at the time: "The freedmen's movement, conducted as it is by the public-spirited and liberal, is doing a world of good, not only to the colored man, but to the whole country. It is the cornerstone of inevitable reconstruction."

Lincoln's Private Seances

It is very likely that other men in public office have been advised and encouraged in beneficent policies by spirits who could see a little further on the way, but there are few cases so well documented as that of Lincoln.

In Mrs. Maynard's experiences with the great and humble man who guided the young nation through its trials, there were other instances of spirit intervention on behalf of suffering and unjustly treated individuals.

One of the most dramatic was

when Somes was kept from going to the post office with something he wished to send away because he could not compose his thoughts, a thing rare for him, as his wife pointed out when she saw how long he was taking.

The result was that he got to the post office a few minutes before it closed, and the despatch clerk asked him what he should do with a telegram sent by the father of a young soldier asking his Congressman at Washington to plead with the President to save the boy from being shot for falling asleep while on sentry duty.

Somes was so moved by the clerk's plea—reinforced by the fact that the Congressman could not be found—that he took the message to the President who, although he was ill, intervened and reprieved the boy who later died a brave death in battle.

Here is one part of Mrs. Maynard's records showing that the Lincolns were keenly interested: "During the latter part of February and the month of March, I had a number of seances with President Lincoln and his wife; but, as there were no other witnesses, and as they did not inform me of the nature of the communications, I cannot speak as to their nature, but simply allude to the fact."

Medium Defends President

"These seances took place by appointment. At the close of one, Mrs. Lincoln would make an appointment, engaging me to come at a certain hour of the day, which usually would be in the vicinity of one o'clock, the time when Mr. Lincoln usually partook of his luncheon, which generally occupied about half to three-quarters of an hour." For none of these seances was the medium paid a penny.

It is clear from the medium's experience of American politics that the men and women of those days were as broadminded if not more so than we like to think we are now. She visited Boston, Mass., at the close of the presidential campaign in 1864.

On the first night she attended a meeting of Democrats in the town hall, and heard a political address attacking Lincoln that would make our present-day speeches seem like the utterances of Victorian Sunday school teachers.

Dawes Does Not Object

But apparently her very presence acted as a check on the anti-Lincoln orator, as she was told by her friends that he was unusually restrained for a speaker noted for his abuse of the President. He kept looking at her, and then moderated his language.

The next night she attended the Republican Party meeting, and was asked to sit on the platform. The Chairman was a Spiritualist, and when the speaker had spoken for two hours, he asked whether the medium could address the packed audience.

Henry L. Dawes, the Congress member for Massachusetts, said he had no objection. He had met her in Washington, and she, who had been the instrument for helping Lincoln in his darkest hours, says that it was one of the proudest moments of her life when she rose to address an ordinary political meeting, a thousand of which were probably being held in the Union States that week.

She was entranced when she spoke, and the spirit who controlled her said he had nothing to add to what Dawes had said, but in the course of 15 minutes pre-

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Lincoln, the Spiritualist

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President Requests a Medium to Visit the White House.

dicted that Lincoln would be re-elected.

The medium writes: "I awoke amid the applause of the audience, and Mr. Dawes congratulated me in his kind way upon the manner in which I had been instrumental in closing the evening."

You must remember that Spiritualism was then only 16 years old, and those politically excited Americans, in the midst of a great civil war, are to be regarded as patterns of tolerance on this occasion, at least for listening to a very young woman in trance predicting the re-election of a man who roused controversy as he steered his divided nation towards the victorious conclusion of the war.

Mediums Not Infallible

Prophecy is always a delicate subject, but spirit prophecy is more delicate still, for in some way it is regarded as an essential part of the case for Survival, which it is not.

It is, when it is fulfilled, part of the case for spirit power, part of the case for evidence of personality, and when it is wrong, it certainly is part of the case for the human fallibility of those who prophesy.

Mrs. Maynard visited Washington a few weeks later, and gave sittings to Major Chorpennings, the first man to carry the United States mail across the Rocky Mountains. She attended many receptions, and nearly all of them were turned into seances.

Confidential Seances

The medium says that during the memorable winter of the years '64-'65 she attended Mrs. Lincoln's receptions, and there met many of those whom she encountered at the receptions elsewhere in the city. While staying with the Chorpennings, Somes called and asked Mrs. Maynard to go with him to a private seance. While they were driving to the White House, Somes said that earlier in the day he had met the President as he was coming out of the War Secretary's office.

Somes was passing on after greeting Lincoln, who called him

back and asked him if the medium was in the city. When he was told she was, he said: "Please bring her to the White House at eight or nine o'clock, but consider the matter confidential."

Nothing To Be Afraid Of

They were taken to the executive chamber where the President and two other men were waiting for them. Mrs. Lincoln soon came in. Lincoln asked the medium if she would be good enough to show them something of her "rare gift," adding: "You need not be afraid, as these friends have seen something of this before."

She could see they were officers by the braid on their trousers, but their coats were buttoned up to their chins to conceal their rank. One man, she says, was tall and heavily built, with auburn hair and dark eyes and side whiskers; the other was younger, and gave the impression that he was lower in rank because of the deference he paid to the other officer.

Astonishing Messages

Quietly the medium sat while she was entranced, and when, an hour later, she became conscious of her surroundings, she was standing by a long table on which was spread a large map of the Southern states. She held a pencil, and by her side were Lincoln and the older officer, bending over the map while the younger officer stood at the other side of the table eyeing her curiously.

The medium was embarrassed, and she looked round to see Mrs. Lincoln standing at the other end of the room talking with Somes. All she heard was Lincoln saying: "It is astonishing how every line conforms to the plan agreed upon."

The older soldier answered: "Yes, it is very astonishing." Then they both looked up and saw she was awake, and they stood back while Lincoln gently took the pencil from her and placed a chair for her.

Medium Requires No "Eyes"

The others joined them, and Somes asked: "Well, was everything satisfactory?" He replied: "Perfectly."

Smiling pleasantly, he added: "She does not seem to require eyes to do anything."

Then the conversation was turned deliberately to other matters. As they were leaving, the President quietly said to the medium and her escort: "It is best not to mention this meeting at present."

When they got home, Somes said he had heard enough at the beginning of the seance to realize that the controlling spirit knew well why the medium was called to the White House. He described how, as soon as she was under control, she walked unaided to the table and asked for a pencil.

Medium Gratified

Then the President told Mrs. Lincoln and Somes to remain at the end of the room, and from their place they paid little attention, except that they could not help seeing that the medium was drawing lines on a map. The only interruption was when one of the

officers sharpened the pencil for the guide, who then went on with his talk.

The medium was naturally gratified at being the central figure in what she regarded as a most serious consultation. This she divined from the secrecy with which Lincoln had surrounded the seance. Had he wished merely for a demonstration of psychic power he would have asked Mrs. Lincoln and Somes to take part, but the presence of the officers, the care with which they hid their identities, and the secrecy about the work on the map, plus the remarks as she was returning to normal, all made a deep impression.

Lincoln was not the man to waste the time of any man or woman seeking experiments in psychic arts while he was engaged in bringing to a victorious end the war he had waged to reunite the States and wipe away the stigma of slavery.

It was in line with his acceptance of spirit advice over the crisis in the Army of the Potomac, and over the state of the freedmen. He had shown himself amenable to spirit guidance in matters of state. He had the simple, direct mind that saw fundamentals, and since much of the advice was the kind he might have given had he not been burdened with the heavy cares of his troubled time, he readily accepted it.

Learned To Trust Medium

In the instances I have quoted he was not disappointed, and he had clearly learned to trust those who, through the instrumentality of a young woman who knew nothing of the affairs of state, came to him with advice for the common good of a nation undergoing the pangs of a war that need not have been. The war was nearing its end. The earthly end was near, too, of the man who guided his nation to victory.

During the last days of February, when the capital was filled with people anxious to see the President's second inauguration, Mrs. Maynard hurried to the White House to say good-bye, for she was called home to see her father who was dangerously ill.

Lincoln Didn't Catch Her

Though there were scores of Congressmen waiting to see him, Lincoln soon sent for Mrs. Maynard and her friend. He asked the medium why she was going away. She would miss his inauguration, which her guides had so confidently forecast.

When he heard why she was going away, he asked with his disarming smile: "But cannot our friends from the upper country tell you whether his illness is likely to be fatal or not?"

The medium replied that she asked them and was assured that his treatment was wrong and that she was required to cure him. Turning to her friend, Lincoln said, laughing: "I didn't catch her, did I?" Then he said to her: "I am sorry you cannot remain to witness the inauguration, as no doubt you wish."

"Indeed, we would enjoy it," she replied, "but the crowd will be so great we will not be able to see you, Mr. Lincoln, even if we remain."

Impending Tragedy

"You could not help it," he said, drawing himself to his full height, "for I shall be the tallest man there." This he said humorously, and her friend answered: "That is true, in every sense of the word."

Lincoln smiled at the compliment, and said to the medium: "But what do our friends say of us now?" and she answered: "What they predicted for you, Mr. Lin-

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coln, has come to pass, and you are to be inaugurated for the second time."

He nodded his head as she spoke on—"but they also reaffirm that the shadow they have spoken of still hangs over you." He became almost impatient as he turned away and said: "Yes, I know. I have letters from all over the country from your kind of people—mediums I mean—warning me against some dreadful plot against my life. But I don't think the knife is made or the bullet run that will reach it. Besides, nobody wants to harm me."

"I Shall Live . . ."

Over the medium there stole a feeling of sadness and depression, as she replied: "Therein lies your danger, Mr. President, your overconfidence in your fellow-men." Where before Lincoln had been cheerful, now he became his old sad self, and he said softly in his old way, almost as though talking to himself: "Well, I shall live until my work is done, and no earthly power can prevent it. And then it does not matter, so that I am ready—and that I ever mean to be."

Why Seances Held Secret

Then he became brighter again, and extended his huge hand to the frail medium and her friend. "Well, I suppose I must bid you good-bye, but we shall hope to see you back again in the fall." The medium answered: "We shall certainly come," and without thinking added, "if you are here."

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now," and took them to a side door, again shaking them cordially by the hand, smiling as he did so. They did not see him again, for not long afterwards he was assassinated.

Now there is some reason for concealing the fact that Lincoln was a Spiritualist during those terrible years of the Civil War, but there has been none since his death. He was great in his own day, and was acclaimed not only in his own land, but abroad. He was simple, and with that quality of penetration that would recognize at once the value of proved spirit guidance and the value of keeping it quiet while there was the prospect that his bitter enemies on both sides would use the facts to distort his policy, and perhaps try to remove him from office.

But since his passing, there is no good reason why the facts that Mrs. Maynard has recorded and many have corroborated should not have been widely known in the United States, at least.

Instrument of Destiny

So important a fact as spirit guidance—and spirit communication—could not have left their mark on the life of so noble a man who must have drawn to himself influences commensurate with his character and his mission. That he was an instrument of destiny and knew it consciously I have no doubt, else he could not have so unselfishly lived his life and given it so that all men and women within the United States should be free.

His life was for unity and for freedom and that is ever the purpose of the spirits who then, as now, seek to impress those who rule others and those who sustain the rulers in their works. Where the ruler is beneficent and works towards the liberation of the human being and the fuller expression of the human spirit, there will their counsel, their power and their love be poured down.

Millionaire Spiritualist

Where there is repression and cruelty there can be no inspiration, no spirit power except it be the gravitation of like to like. That is the outstanding fact in the Spiritualist experiences of the greatest American. He saw this truth and followed it.

An independent witness to Lincoln's Spiritualism was Colonel S. P. Kase, a millionaire railroad builder who became his close friend. He once took a letter to the President from a medium into whose house he was directed by a spirit voice. Kase attended the seance at which Mrs. Maynard, in trance, urged the President not to delay the issue of the Proclamation of Emancipation.

The spirit guide, he avers, said that the war would not end until the slaves were set free. Kase had not noticed the medium in the room until he heard her speak with a masculine voice, stroking her chin as though fingering a beard.

A Spiritual Congress

This is what Kase says: "She came up close to the knee of the President and said, 'Sir, you were called to the position you occupy for a very great purpose. The world is universally in bondage. It must be physically set free so that it may mentally rise to its proper status. There is a spiritual congress supervising the affairs of this nation as well as a Congress at Washington. This republic will lead the van of republics throughout the world'."

"On this text," says the railroad builder, "the President was lectured for half an hour, dwelling

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Higher Aspects

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possibilities which it would take an eternity to unfold. He is potentially the child of God. Science demonstrates the value of proceeding from the known to the unknown. You can only start from where you are; you cannot start from yonder and work back.

If someone asks me what they should read to learn more about Spiritualism, I say to them: "Tell me first what you are. If I know whether you are an atheist, a Christian, a Quaker or a philosophic doubter, I shall know how to advise you." It is no good offering a man books which, because of his presuppositions and preconceptions he will dismiss out of hand.

The Known to the Unknown

Spiritualism follows the path from the known to the unknown, and because of that it is a sane and sound key to religion. Powers have been discovered in man which were not dreamed of fifty years ago.

There is telepathy, direct communication between mind and mind which can be carried out over vast distances. This is, in effect, an annihilation of space, and as such it is in keeping with the onward march of science.

But natives practiced it hundreds of years ago. Then there is prevision, which indicates a consciousness acting outside the limits of time.

These things show that man, the real man, is not a child of earth, but is related to a timeless, spaceless realm. He is an eternal child of the Eternal God of the cosmos.

There was Swedenborg, who claimed that he could sit in a chair and go out into the spirit world. There are those today who can do the same. I know a dozen at least. A man once told me that when his time came to pass over he would be as much at home there as here; he knew his way around some parts of it as well as he knew parts of London.

Real Mastery

St. Paul knew of this faculty. In his Second Epistle to the Corinthians, he says: "I knew a man in Christ about fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth); such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth); How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

Such a power, when attained, means a mastery over both the physical and the psychic body. And the easiest way to attain control of the psychic body is by mediumistic development in easy

stages. But before you bother about the higher spiritual world you must find out your own spiritual nature.

Then you may contact those spiritual realms and become in tune with the highest inspiration, those realms where ultimately the spirit attains unity with God.

We hear a lot nowadays about the brave new world which is to come. I tell you that no brave new world will come from Government Bills, social services, or political panaceas only; there will be no real peace or harmony until the universe becomes one; until the spiritual and the physical are blended to form one life.

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Conversation Among Flowers

By

EDWARD LESTER THORNE

One who listens attentively may hear voices in the garden and among the fields. Nature's people talk to each other in their own way, and the musing heart understands. A stately hollyhock grew in the border, and was often visited by a large bumble-bee.

It was observed that he lingered in the deep, red cup she made for him, and talked busily with her. The neighboring flowers heard the full tones of his voice, but could not distinguish his words.

At length a tall larkspur bent her ear, and listening closely, understood him to say, "I am very rich; I have gathered much pollen. I store it in a large wax palace, which I shall fill with honey. None of the bumble-bees in the village can compare with me."

"Oh it must make you very happy," answered the hollyhock, "that when any poor, sick bees come and ask for help, you will have plenty for them as well as yourself!"

What Good Will It Do?

"I can not undertake to feed THEM," he replied. "Everyone must provide for himself. I worked hard to get what is mine. Let others go and do the same."

"But will you be able to use all that you have laid up? And if not, what good will it do you?" asked the hollyhock, blushing more brightly from the earnestness with which she spoke.

"I never expect to use the half of it, but I do not choose to give it away. What good will it do me, do you ask? Why, don't I hear people say, there goes that rich bumble-bee? That pleases me."

"I will tell you how to get rich, too. Open your leaves wide and when the sun shines, and gather all the beams you can, and keep them close in your secret chamber. Then, when the dews fall, and you have drank as much as possible, shut yourself up, and do not let a single drop escape on the buds below. So you will be sure to grow larger than they."

But the hollyhock said, "There is no avarice among flowers. We take what our Father sends, and are glad. We do not wrinkle our

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Newspaper Reporter Convinced!

strongly on the importance of the emancipation of the slaves, saying that the war could not end unless slavery was abolished.

Among other things she prophesied that from the time of the issuing of the emancipation proclamation there would be no reverses for the Union armies. I never listened to a lecture so grand and sublime and so full of thought as this delivered by a little girl, who must have been under deep control of the spirit of some ancient philosopher.

The Real Reason

The President listened with the greatest attention throughout her discourse. It was a scene that could never be erased from the mind, bringing to mind the passage of Scriptures where the head of the nation was being taught wisdom by babes and sucklings. . .

"Sufficient be it to say that with-

brows with care, or grow old before our time."

The bumble-bee drew nearer still and said: "You know nothing at all about the pleasures that wealth can bring. Listen! I think of setting up an equipage (a carriage of state or of pleasure with its horses). I shall have two glow-worms for postillions (guides)—you know their lamps will cost me nothing. But you must not breathe this, for I have not yet mentioned it to my wife."

No Boasting

The hollyhock replied with a clear voice "There is neither meum (mine and thine) nor tuum (greed) among the flower people. We share with others the good things that come to us from above. It makes us happier than to sound a trumpet before us and boast of riches with which we do no good."

Then the large bumble-bee seemed offended at his friend, the hollyhock, and, buzzing in an angry tone, flew away.

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in some three or four weeks after these manifestations and interviews President Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation to take effect on January 1, 1863, so that I am fully assured within my own mind that the various spiritual manifestations witnessed, together with information received on the subject, fully convinced President Lincoln of the necessity of issuing his great Proclamation.

It is well, however, to refer to the prophecies made by the little girl, saying the war could not end unless slavery was abolished and that no reverses should occur to the Union armies after the Emancipation Proclamation was promulgated.

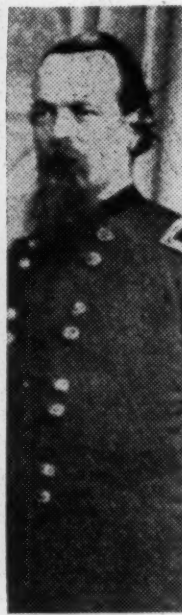
I believe we had 26 battles after this great event, and were all successful to the Union side, except possibly one or two unimportant skirmishes. You may think this a rather tedious detail of my knowledge on this point, but in order to be truthful and hand it down as it actually occurred, I conceive it necessary to be explicit in my details of facts connected with such a great historical event."

It may well be asked why all this information about so great a man and such important events has

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been hushed up for so long. It is a fact that extensive notes were kept of those seances which were attended by others besides Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, and should have been published by Professor S. B. Brittan some years later.

Lincoln Materializes

He passed on soon after he undertook the work, and Mrs. Maynard, then an invalid, undertook to rewrite the whole history of "Abraham Lincoln the Spiritualist." (*) Mrs. Maynard assured her friends that she was kept alive by her spirit guides for this purpose.

The "New York Sun" of those days sent a reporter, Paul Tynar, to see Mrs. Maynard, and he attended a seance at which 23 spirits materialized while the medium watched.

The materialization medium was Mrs. M. E. Williams, of New York. Among the spirits who materialized were Lincoln, who was heard talking with Mrs. Maynard, retelling parts of his life story for her book, and General Morgan Chrysler, whom she had met in Washington. Among the sitters were General and Mrs. Wentworth and Charles Quimby.


The reporter describes the seance as one of the most remarkable in the history of Spiritualism, and at the end of his story wrote: "I am thoroughly convinced of the truth of Spiritualism, and that Mrs. Williams is one of its greatest exponents."

Famous Editor's Interest

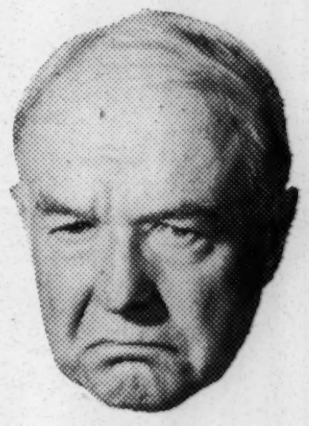
The reporter went to the seance after his editor, the famous Charles Dana, had asked the medium's permission. It all sounds very courteous and polished when contrasted with the casual way in which Spiritualism is often treated today, but then there were fewer distractions, and people in general took life and explanations of it more seriously.

It is also recorded that Lincoln sat many times with the New York medium Conkling, through whom he received answers to questions put mentally. Lincoln went to sittings, sat down without saying a word, and in the same silence departed, without causing any stir.

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Think it over, fella. Then get in there and fight. Read—and observe—the four rules to head off inflation. The war isn't over yet. And the war against inflation isn't over yet—by a long shot. Remember World War I? The cost of living rose twice as fast after the war as it did during the war itself.

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Abraham Lincoln Asks For More Prayers

Here is another spirit message from LINCOLN, received through the mediumship of Winifred Moyes, medium for London's Zodiac Circle. Most of the communications received through Miss Moyes appear in "The Greater World," a monthly Spiritualist magazine, published by The Greater World Spiritualist League, 3 Lansdowne Road, Holland Park, London, W. 11, England.

In a letter to the editor of PSYCHIC OBSERVER, dated November 11th, 1944, A. H. Hillyard, Hon. Sec'y of the league, says:

"Some little time ago, you published in the PSYCHIC OBSERVER a message given at the ZODIAC CIRCLE by ABRAHAM LINCOLN. This dear Spirit spoke to us again on September 24th, last, and made a special request that his petition should be made known to his own people. I, therefore, enclose a copy of the message, and also his previous communication. We feel that ABRAHAM LINCOLN's words are of first importance to the mutual welfare of our two countries."

LINCOLN'S SPIRIT MESSAGE

It's your old friend Abraham Lincoln, and this great privilege is mine by the Grace of God. In the yesterday of time surely I was enabled to give you a little prophecy, and that prophecy has been worked out with most curious effect.

I said, in faith, that my great country and your great country would be linked together as brothers, as those of the same blood; but in that time it seemed that I was speaking of something that the enemy—the unseen enemy—would never allow to come to pass.

But my faith was great because of the prayers of those who love the great and holy God, and those prayers have prevailed.

There were millions in my own land praying for England in her dark times of danger, they had not forgotten the old ties, blood was thicker than water; and there were thousands and thousands in other parts of this little planet praying that my great country would not stand by and see heroic people trampled in the dust. And, by the Grace of God, the miracle was wrought.

Why was it given to me to pass on this message of promise? I asked myself in humbleness of spirit—what had I done? And the answer came from those who had tried so hard to inspire me: "You have listened unto the Voice of the Spirit!"

Lincoln's Prophecies

I thank God with a heart full of gratitude that in those days of my own trial, when all the world seemed to be against me, the still small Voice urged me to go on, and the slaves were set free. The slaughter was great, but the slaves were set free!

So came my privilege to give the word of cheer that, by the work-

ing out of the Divine Will, those enslaved by earthly power would be set free!

I speak not only of the occupied countries, I speak of those of my own countrymen who were not the right door-keepers of the House of the Lord. But the prayers went up in their volume, and the miracle of Grace was wrought, for which each soul in the flesh and free from the flesh should thank God for evermore.

And now it is mine to give another prophecy, old man though I

NOTE—Over a year before the U.S.A. came into the War, Abraham Lincoln, speaking at the Zodiac Circle, referred to the tremendous struggle Roosevelt was making to bring about a closer co-operation with Britain. Then, in August, 1941, about a week before the first secret meeting between our Prime Minister and President Roosevelt, Lincoln came again, and it will be seen that this message is also in the nature of a prophecy:

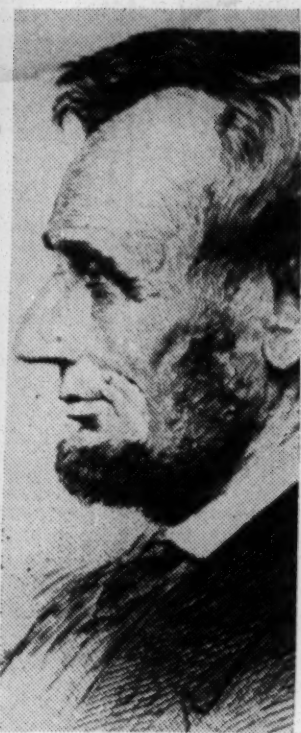
"Remember that the Americans and the British people were meant to be as one—one blood, one faith, one ideal, one in the sight of God; and this is what those in the Spirit World have been concentrating upon.

"Sometimes these great alliances of mutual effort can only take place after there has been a thrashing by trouble, after there has been the sharing of the sorrows and the stripes; and I thank God, yes, I thank God that my people are willing; or, if they are not willing, that they are going to be forced to bear some of the burden of the awful trouble that has fallen upon the earth plane.

"But out of the trouble there is coming something that fills my heart with inexpressible joy, and that is the preparation of the great linking up of the Christian nations, of the nations that realize that true democracy is following in the Christ Path, that true brotherhood is standing shoulder to shoulder when things go wrong.

"I thank God with all the force of my being that I am in the struggle, that I have been allowed to do my little part, and that Franklin Roosevelt has become a good tool. Never forget that if it had not been for his suffering, his physical suffering and the discipline it imposed, he could not have been used as the same tool he represents today."

THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR



Psychic Observer

Authentic records show that HE was interested in Spiritualism, listened to many trance mediums and attended a number of seances. No one has even tried to deny these facts—although historians made no mention of it.

feel on coming back into a body of flesh. I was an old man with a tired mind and almost a tired will, but it pleased the Lord to take me before I marred the pattern through the weariness of old age, and that gift was amongst the greatest gifts ever granted to me.

Spirit of Cooperation

I look forward to the future and I see there are clouds gathering upon the horizon of the peace, and I turn to you and to all who will read my words, and I ask you to send this message into my land: I beg you all to send up the same volume of prayer for peace, not only over the earthly war, but over the material war which may be started by those who do not understand God and His Divine purpose.

Pray that the earth-bound souls in the flesh may be enabled to see that only by the spirit of cooperation can true peace be maintained upon the earth plane amongst the civilized races!

Seek Brotherhood Spirit

Pray God with the same intensity, the same faith; and once again, in spite of all that is done, in spite of all the plans of enemies in the flesh and free from the flesh, the peace shall be held and justice shall prevail!

Forgive me! When I come back like this my old heart seems almost bursting with love and the desire to help this world of yours, to put up the barriers to keep out the enemies! And it is God's truth that there is nothing that I, and millions far more worthy, would hesitate to do, in your language, to sacrifice, to hold fast to the brotherhood spirit, man between man, nation between nation, of those who were meant by the Father to save

Lincoln's — Confession of Faith — or — Belief In Survival

FOREWORD—This poem was given to Dr. Rigley Martin, Springfield, Ill., by LINCOLN with instructions that it should not be published till after his death, owing to the bearing it might have politically.

Sweet tears that water memories tree
Are shed alone where God can see,
In sacred memories, while all alone
We sigh, we cry, in spirit moan.
Yet off' in telepathic tones,
We meet our mates in higher zones
In converse pure beyond the skies,
Where skeptic minds cannot decry
Love born of heaven, not of the will,
The want of which naught else can fill
As that of faithful man and wife,
Eternal is, nor ends with life.
I would not sell my cherished grief,
Nor these sweet words that bring relief
But keep them safe in heaven on file
Where I can look through tears and smile,
And know in heaven there lives my mates
Unchanged by time or stubborn fates,
Who knows on earth there beats some hearts,
True to nature, Unchanged by arts.
I know my mother lives above,
Who taught me God was all of love,
She bids me hide these useless tears,
As oft' she did in former years
My quivering lips employ in praise,
To God for all his gracious ways,
In fitting us a future place.
I oft' her happy goal would share,
Free as youth from carping care.
She chides me wait 'till heaven calls,
Nor try to scale the jasper walls,
I must the proving gauntlet run
Until my earthly task is done.
If I would have the task my friend,
I must be faithful 'till the end,
Then enter at the golden gates,
And meet again my earthloved mates.

Lincoln and Spiritualism

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City of Maumee, Ohio } ss.

I, RIDGLEY MARTIN, being duly sworn depose and say that I knew Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States; that I was a close neighbor of his for a period of three years at Springfield, Illinois; studied law in a building where he had his office in the said city, attended a Spiritualist seance with Abraham Lincoln in said city; that the medium's name was Throp, and that Mr. Lincoln received messages from his mother and Ann Rutledge, his first love. At the close of the seance, when all eyes of the attendants, about eight in number, turned to Mr. Lincoln for an expression of opinion, the great man said: "All religionists are more or less Spiritualists."

Mr. Lincoln was a religionist, but was not a member of any denominational church. This open expression of Mr. Lincoln's led all present to the belief that Abraham Lincoln was a Spiritualist.

I also attended college with President McKinley at Meadville, Pennsylvania.

RIDGLEY MARTIN, M.D.

Sworn before me this 11th day of October, A.D., 1926.

(Seal)

J. B. TODD.

civilization and all it means.

I pray you forgive me, the old habit prevails—the power comes and the words pour forth like a cascade; but God shall protect that which has been given. A very good-night to you all!

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